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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started Technology Mission on Cotton in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated under the Mission to various States so far during each of the last three years, till date;

(d) whether the outlay for 2002-03 has not been fully utilized;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to obtain the objectives of the Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. In order to improve production, productivity and quality of cotton in the country, a Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) is under implementation since 2000-01 in 13 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Technology Mission on Cotton has four Mini Missions. Mini Mission-I deals with research and development to improve cotton production technologies and is implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Mini Mission-II deals with the development programmes for increasing production and productivity of cotton and is implemented by the Department of Agricultue & Cooperation. Mini Mission-III focuses on the development of marketing infrastructure. The upgradation and modernization of ginning and pressing factories to improve quality of cotton is undertaken under Mini Mission-IV. Mini Mission-III and IV are implemented by the Ministry of Textiles.

(c): Funds allocated under technology Mission on Cotton during the years 2002-03 to 2005- 06 are as under:-

YEAR	ALLOCATION (Rs. in Crores)
2002-2003	53.80
2003-2004	72.20
2004-2005	102.54
2005-2006 till date	132.00

(d)&(e): No, Sir. An amount of Rs.65.57 crores have been utilized against allocation of Rs.53.80 crores during 2002-03.

(f): Steps have been taken to achieve the objectives of the Technology Mission on Cotton through the implementation of four Mini Missions of Technology Mission on cotton, under which financial assistance is provided for research and development of improved cotton production technologies, supply of critical inputs, like production and distribution of seeds, sprayers, water saving devices like sprinkler and drip irrigation system, bio-agents, pheromone traps, transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations, training of farmer through Farmers Field School (FFS) and extension workers, insecticide resistance management and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstration, development of marketing infrastructure activities like construction of market yards, auction centers, grading facilities as well as upgradation and modernization of ginning and pressing factories.